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FOR AMBASSADOR GREEN FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK
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GAO LIAISON (BF-GAO); FEM -76T-0-79.

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SUBJ: REVIEW OF U.S. CONSULATE FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND
STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS INITIATING THE AUSTRALIAN
SEGMENT OF THE SUBJECT REVIEW ON OR ABOUT JULY 27, 1976.
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS NOTIFIED OF THIS ASSIGNMENT BY
CABLE ON MAY 26, 1976.

OUR WORK IN AUSTRALIA IS A PART OF A WORLD-WIDE GAO REVIEW OF
CONSTITUENT POSTS AND CONSULAR FUNCTIONS. THE OBJECTIVES
ARE TO EXAMINE THE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN SERVICE CONSTITUENT
POSTS IN AUSTRALIA AS A MEASURE OF THE NEED FOR THEIR
CONTINUED EXISTENCE. ALSO, WE WILL BE EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS
AND EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH CONSULAR ACTIVITIES ARE PERFORMED
AND MANAGED AT BOTH THE EMBASSY AND THE CONSTITUENT POSTS.

PRIMARY REVIEW EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON (1) THE MISSION'S
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CONSTITUENT POSTS IN COUNTRY, (2) THE MISSION'S JUSTIFICATION OF

THE NEED FOR CONSTITUENT POSTS IN COUNTRY, (3) THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF CONSULAR FUNCTIONS TO INCLUDE ASSISTANCE TO AMERICANS, INTERNAL MANAGEMENT CONTROL, CONSULAR SERVICE FEES, POST INPUTS TO STATE'S CONSULAR PACKAGE, AND (4) THE CONSULAR OFFICER IMAGE AND ITS IMPACT ON MORALE, RECRUITING, AND MAINTENANCE OF AN EXPERIENCED CONSULAR CORPS.

WE INTEND TO VISIT TWO CONSITTUENT POSTS IN COUNTRY. POSTS TO BE VISITED WILL BE SELECTED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSION OFFICIALS IN CANBERRA.

WE ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE THREE MEN ABOUT 6 WEEKS TO PERFORM THIS REVIEW. THIS REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, AND WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES:
DONALD L. PATTON, SUPERVISOR
ANDREW H. MALINER
CONSTANTINE J. RAMOS

I CERTIFY THAT MESSRS. PATTON, MALINER, AND RAMOS HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AN INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN PRESENT OFFICIAL GAO CREDENTIALS.

SPECIFIC ARRIVAL TIME OF GAO TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED AT LATER DATE.
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